



St. John's Episcopal Church

JOHN'S ISLAND - WADMALAW ISLAND
KIAWAH AND SEABROOK ISLANDS
SOUTH CAROLINA

REBUILDING,
REVIVING,
RENEWING.



THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 29, 2023

IN OUR 290TH YEAR

8:00 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I - *PAGE 3*

10:30 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II - *PAGE 8*

Today's Readings

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the Lord showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. The Lord said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, ‘I will give it to your descendants’; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.” Then Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord’s command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended. Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the Lord had commanded Moses. Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face. He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the Lord sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from

mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

Matthew 22:34-46

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” He said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.” Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: “What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” He said to them, “How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, ‘The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet”’? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?” No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.



ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I

Welcome to St. John's Episcopal Church

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Please stand.

THE WORD OF GOD

Acclamation and Response

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: *And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.*

The Collect for Purity

Celebrant: Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: *Christ, have mercy upon us.*

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And with thy spirit.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain that which thou dost promise, make us to love that which thou dost command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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from one generation to another.

2 *Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were born,
from age to age you are God.*

3 You turn us back to the dust and say,
"Go back, O child of earth."

4 *For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past
and like a watch in the night.*

5 You sweep us away like a dream;
we fade away suddenly like the grass.

6 *In the morning it is green and flourishes;
in the evening it is dried up and withered.*

13 Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry?
be gracious to your servants.

- 14 *Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;
so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.*
- 15 Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us
and the years in which we suffered adversity.
- 16 *Show your servants your works
and your splendor to their children.*
- 17 May the graciousness of the LORD our God be upon us;
prosper the work of our hands;
prosper our handiwork.

The Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Please stand.

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: *Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 22:34-46

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise be to thee, O Christ.*

The Homily

A period of silent reflection is kept.

Please stand.

The Nicene Creed

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The Prayers of the People

The prayers can be found on page 7.

Confession of Sin and Absolution

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The people kneel or stand.

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Stewardship Minute

deRosset Myers

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

The Great Thanksgiving

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And with thy spirit.*

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: *We lift them up unto the Lord.*

Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People: *It is meet and right so to do.*

The Celebrant continues.

Sanctus and Benedictus

Celebrant and People: *(said together)*

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of Hosts:
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.*

Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.

*Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

The people kneel or stand.

The Celebrant continues.

The Lord's Prayer *(said together)*

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The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

Prayer of Humble Access

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Invitation to Communion

Please be seated.

To receive the consecrated Bread, extend your hands upward, palms crossed. Having consumed the Bread, you may return to your seat. Gluten-free wafers are available. Please speak to a priest when you come forward for Communion. If you prefer not to receive the Sacrament, you may ask for a blessing by crossing your arms across your chest.

The Postcommunion Prayer

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The Blessing

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*



8:00 Service Participants

Celebrant & Homilist

The Reverend Calhoun Walpole

Adult Acolyte & Chalice Bearer

deRosset Myers, Jr.

Reader

Felicity Myers

Intercessor

Jane Charles

Usher

Ed Bolling

Stewardship Minute

deRosset Myers

New book by the Rector of St. John's Episcopal Church - John's Island, and noted Lowcountry writer William Baldwin and local acclaimed photographers!

Enjoy *In God's Hand: The Life of Every Living Thing*, reflections by the Reverend Calhoun Walpole, a native of John's Island and rector of St. John's Episcopal Church, as well as poems and stunning photographs of our beloved Lowcountry by well-known poet and photographer William Baldwin of McClellanville, and noted local photographers Rebecca Capps, Brandon Coffey, and Bud Hill. The writings celebrate the goodness of God and creation—animals and birds such as otters and fiddler crabs, donkeys, horses, egrets, and pink flamingos, as well as plants and trees such as the wax myrtle, palmetto, live oak, and our marvelous marshes—and, of course, pluff mud! The following are several lines from the book:

- "Mud is the veritable earth, alive."
- "Fiddler crabs are fun."
- 'I was never formally educated in the ubiquitous wax myrtle—yet I always knew, somehow, that it had been here since the time when native peoples made their home on these sea islands—the Stono and the Kiawah...It was their plant, growing on land they inhabited—and to me, it always seemed to be a shrub to treat with instinctive reverence.'



Copies are \$15 and are available online and in Guerry Hall at St. John's, located at 3673 Maybank Hwy. StJohns1734.org
Tel. 843-974-5593 and the Village Museum in McClellanville.

IN GOD'S HAND
The Life of Every Living Thing



Essays and Poetry
by
Calhoun Walpole and William Baldwin

Photography
by
Rebecca Capps, Brandon Coffey,
Schlen "Bud" Hill and William Baldwin

Charles Towne Flute Quartet

Cantabile ...

... through the ages

Charpentier, Purcell, Tartini, Chopin, Elgar, Mancini ...



4:00 pm

Sunday, November 5, 2023

St. John's Episcopal Church
3673 Maybank Hwy
John's Island, SC

Admission is free – Donations are appreciated

ALTAR GUILD LUNCHEON

*All current members of the Altar Guild and
Potential members are cordially invited to*

Join us for a Luncheon

Honoring the Altar Guild

At 12 Noon

NOVEMBER 9TH

THE RAYS' HOME

2249 SHORELINE DRIVE

JOHNS ISLAND

RSVP: By November 5th

Anne Norton (703)447-7101

Maureen Ray (843)729-6656



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FOR OCTOBER 29, 2023

Celebrant: United in the company of all the faithful and looking for the coming of the kingdom, let us offer our prayers to God, the source of all life and holiness, saying, Lord, graciously hear us.

Intercessor: Merciful Lord, strengthen all people by your Holy Spirit, that we may live as a royal priesthood and a holy nation to the praise of Jesus Christ our Savior. Lord, hear us:

People: Lord, graciously hear us.

Intercessor: Bless Ruth our Bishop, Michael, the Presiding Bishop, Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in North Myrtle Beach and the Anglican Church of Melanesia, that by faithful proclamation of your word we may be built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets into a holy temple in the Lord. Lord, hear us:

People: Lord, graciously hear us.

Intercessor: Empower us by the gift of your holy and life-giving Spirit, that we may be transformed into the likeness of Christ from glory to glory. In gratitude for all the blessings of this life, we give thanks for the baptism of Robert Trey Davis. Lord, hear us:

People: Lord, graciously hear us.

Intercessor: Give to the world and its peoples the peace that comes from above, that they may find Christ's way of freedom and life; especially for those in military, mission, or outreach work. Lord, hear us:

People: Lord, graciously hear us.

Intercessor: Hold in your embrace all who witness to your love in the service of the poor and needy; all who minister to the sick and dying; and all who bring light to those in darkness. Lord, hear us:

People: Lord, graciously hear us.

Intercessor: Touch and heal all those whose lives are scarred and disfigured by pain, that, raised from death to life in Christ, their sorrow may be turned to eternal joy. Especially for: Carlton Morrow, Wills Allen, Parker Tuten, John Martin, Tiffany Maser, Buddy Hawkins, Carmen Bentz, Ann Guettner, Betty Tipton, Paige Weikle, Bryan Warf, Toni Kirby, John Davis, Bev Jenkins, Bess Knight, Janice Pearce, The Reverend Chris Huff, and Presiding Bishop Michael Curry. For the people of the Holy Land and the victims and families of the mass shooting in Maine. Lord, hear us:

People: Lord, graciously hear us.

Intercessor: Remember in your mercy all those gone before us who have been well-pleasing to you from eternity; guide us to your kingdom, and grant us your peace at all times. Lord, hear us:

People: Lord, graciously hear us.

Intercessor: Hasten the day when many will come from east and west, from north and south, and sit at the table in your kingdom. Lord, hear us:

People: Lord, graciously hear us.

Celebrant: We give you thanks for the whole company of your saints in glory, with whom in fellowship we join our prayers and praises; by your grace may we, like them, be made perfect in your love. Blessing and glory and wisdom, thanksgiving and honor and power, be to our God for ever and ever. Amen.

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Prelude

Toccata in G Major

Walond

Please stand

Processional Hymn 450

All hail the power of Jesus' Name

Coronation

THE WORD OF GOD

Acclamation and Response

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: *And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.*

The Collect for Purity *(said together)*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Kyrie S91

Lord, have mercy upon us

Healey Willan

The Collect

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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The Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

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People: *Thanks be to God.*

Please stand.

Gradual Hymn 574

Before thy throne, O God, we kneel

St. Petersburg

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 22:34-46

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Please be seated.

The Homily

A period of silent reflection is kept.

Please stand.

Presentation and Examination of the Candidate

Officiant: The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents & Godparents: I present **Robert Trey** to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Officiant (to Parents & Godparents): Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is
brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents & Godparents: I will, with God's help.

Officiant: Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of
Christ?

Parents & Godparents: I will, with God's help.

The Officiant asks the following questions of the parents and Godparents:

Officiant: Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Parents & Godparents: I renounce them.

Officiant: Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures
of God?

Parents & Godparents: I renounce them.

Officiant: Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Parents & Godparents: I renounce them.

Officiant: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Parents & Godparents: I do.

Officiant: Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Parents & Godparents: I do.

Officiant: Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Parents & Godparents: I do.

Please stand.

The Officiant addresses the congregation:

Officiant: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in their lives in Christ?

People: We will.

Officiant: Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Officiant: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

Officiant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Officiant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

Officiant: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People: I will, with God's help.

Officiant: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: I will, with God's help.

Officiant: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People: I will, with God's help.

Officiant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People: I will, with God's help.

Officiant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: I will, with God's help.

Prayers for the Candidate *The Officiant then says to the congregation*

Officiant: Let us now pray for this person who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader: Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
People: Lord, hear our prayer.
Leader: Open his heart to your grace and truth.
People: Lord, hear our prayer.
Leader: Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
People: Lord, hear our prayer.
Leader: Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
People: Lord, hear our prayer.
Leader: Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.
People: Lord, hear our prayer.
Leader: Send him into the world in witness to your love.
People: Lord, hear our prayer.
Leader: Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.
People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Officiant: Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. *Amen.*

Procession to the Font

Hymn 293 *I sing a song of the saints of God* Grand Isle

Thanksgiving over the Water 306

The Baptism 307

The Giving of the Light and Welcoming the Newly Baptized *(sung by all)* Slane

The family of the newly baptized receives a lighted candle.

The musical score is written on three staves in 3/4 time, key of B-flat major. The lyrics are as follows:

Re - ceive the — light of Christ Je - sus, the Lord, From dark - ness
 Mem - ber, we — name you, in the house - hold of God. Claim now Christ

now to light, all is re - stored. Let your light shine — in all acts of
 cru - ci - fied, from this day laud. Preach re - sur - rec - tion and now share as

love. — Bring your God glo - ry who — dwells now a - bove.
 guide In Christ's last - ing priest - hood, signed, sealed, sanc - ti - fied.

Officiant: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

People: We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Announcements and Welcome

Stewardship Minute Rich Boss

Blessing of the Costumes

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

Please stand.

Lord for thy tender mercy's sake

Farrant

Presentation Hymn

Doxology

Old Hundredth

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below,
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Eucharistic Prayer B

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The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: *We lift them to the Lord.*

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: *It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

Sanctus S 129

Robert Powell

The people kneel or stand.

The Celebrant continues.

The Lord's Prayer *(said together)*

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The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

Fraction Anthem

Taste and See

Lift Every Voice and Sing II

Taste and see. Taste and see the good - ness
of the Lord. O Taste and see. Taste and
see the good - ness of the Lord. of the Lord. Fine

Invitation to Communion

Please be seated.

To receive the consecrated Bread, extend your hands upward, palms crossed. Having consumed the Bread, you may return to your seat. Gluten-free wafers are available. Please speak to a priest when you come forward for Communion. If you prefer not to receive the Sacrament, you may ask for a blessing by crossing your arms across your chest.

Agnus Dei S164

Franz Schubert

The Communion of the People

The congregation is invited to sing the Communion Hymns.

Communion Hymn 505

O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God

O heilger Geist

Communion Hymn 602	<i>Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love</i>	Chereponi
Communion Hymn 707	<i>Take my life, and let it be</i>	Hollingside
<i>After Communion, the Celebrant says let us pray.</i>		
The Postcommunion Prayer <i>(said together)</i>		366
The Blessing		
Processional Hymn 551	<i>Rise up, ye saints of God!</i>	Festal Song
The Dismissal		
Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.		
People: Thanks be to God.		
Postlude	<i>Agincourt Hymn</i>	Dunstable



10:30 Service Participants

Celebrant & Homilist
The Reverend Calhoun Walpole

Music
Anne Warf
St. John's Choir

Verger
Anne Norton

Readers
Nancy Kupersmith
Bonnie Branham

Chalice Bearers

Peter Lewis
Beth Gibbs

Intercessor
Peter Lewis

Adult Acolyte
Bob Norton

Acolytes

Grady Norton
Wynn Norton

Ushers
Bubba Jenkins
Tom Gibbs

Stewardship Minute
Rich Boss

Flower Delivery Ministers Needed

Each week our talented Flower Guild members create several small arrangements which are delivered to parishioners.

St. John's is seeking assistance in delivering the flowers as a part of a special ministry.

Please email:
Anne-Clark Cromwell
acromwell@stjohns1734.org



WALK AND PRAY

SAUNTERING PRAYER

at

*St. John's Episcopal Church
John's Island - Wadmalaw Island
Kiawah & Seabrook Islands
Beginning November 6*



Join us for *SAUNTERING PRAYER* at St. John's. Mondays at 1pm beginning November 6, gathering at the front steps of the church.

Why the term "saunter"?

Henry David Thoreau wrote that he had met but few who understood the art of walking—"who had a genius, so to speak, for *SAUNTERING*"—a word, the origin of which goes back to the Middle Ages, to describe those who went around the countryside saying they were headed to the Sainte-Terre—the Holy Land. Such persons came to be known as "Saunterers." Thoreau went on to write that he could not preserve his health or spirits unless he spent hours each day "sauntering through the woods and over the hills and fields." John Muir mused that the mountains of America are "our Holy Land, and we ought to saunter through them reverently."

We are a parish of the storied and ecologically rich Sea Islands. We are also pilgrims on a journey. Join me as we saunter about our parish grounds and to the Angel Oak and back again, praying as we go—for the Holy Land and all the earth and sea and sky—and all creatures of God that dwell therein.

For more information, contact the Rector at cwalpole@stjohns1734.org

www.StJohns1734.org





2024 Commitment Card

Annual Stewardship Pledge/Intended Gift

Name(s): _____
(Couples will be considered as a joint gift unless you specify differently)

Responding in grateful thanksgiving I/we pledge/intend to give:

1.) To St. John's Episcopal Church's **Annual Stewardship Fund**, supporting ministries, programs, and operations in 2024, a yearly total of \$ _____.

My preference for fulfilling this gift is: \$ _____/weekly; \$ _____/monthly;
or the full amount to be paid in _____ (month).

2.) I am not able to commit to monetary support in 2024, but I pledge to support St. John's Episcopal through the following gifts of my time and talent: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

*Have questions? Call Anne-Clark at the Church Office, 843-974-5593
or email acromwell@stjohnsl734.org*

*Thank you for returning the completed pledge form to the office at the address below
or you may place it in the alms basin on Sunday morning.*

St. John's Episcopal Church
P.O. Box 423
John's Island, SC 29457

Additional Considerations

ENVELOPES

Would you like a box of weekly gift envelopes? Please check here: _____

AUTOMATIC BANK DRAFT

St. John's Episcopal now offers the ability to set up an automatic bank account draft, useful for monthly pledge payments. If you are interested in this option, please call the Church Office at 843-974-5593.

MATCHING GIFTS

Many employers offer a matching gift program; check with your Human Resources Division for more information that could possibly increase your gift amount.

CREDIT AND DEBIT CARDS

To make a gift or pledge payment by credit card or debit card, visit www.stjohnsl734.org, select "giving," then "online giving" .

GIFTS OF STOCK OR PROPERTY

Stock transfer gifts and gifts of real or personal property are all welcomed. Their value may be applied toward a pledge payment or as a one time gift.

GIFTS FROM IRAS

If you are receiving distributions from an IRA, you may benefit by donating directly from the IRA to St. John's. Talk to your tax advisor to see if this applies to you.

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Today, Sunday, October 29

8:00am - Holy Eucharist, Rite I
9:00am - 12:00pm - Nursery Open
9:15am - Children's Sunday School - LaRoche Building
9:15am - Christian Education - Walton Hall
10:30am - Holy Eucharist, Rite II, Blessing of the Costumes
4:00pm - Grace Chapel - Sunday Afternoon Service
4:30pm - Boy Scouts - LaRoche Building

Tuesday, October 31

10:30am - Centering Prayer
12:00pm - Holy Eucharist
6:30pm - AA Meeting
7:00pm - Al-Anon Meeting

Wednesday, November 1

11:00am - Staff Meeting
1:00pm - Bible Study of Ruth and Esther
5:30pm - All Saints Day Eucharist
6:00pm - Covered Dish Supper

Thursday, November 2

6:00pm - AA Meeting

Friday, November 3

6:30pm - AA Meeting

Next Sunday, November 5

Daylight Savings - Don't forget to set your clocks back!

8:00am - Holy Eucharist, Rite I
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4:30pm - Boy Scouts - LaRoche Building

Monday, November 6

1:00pm - Sauntering Prayer

Stewardship Minute - Bubba Jenkins

Good morning. My name is Melvin Jenkins--better known as Bubba. I love St. John's Episcopal Church. This has always been my home. I was baptized here, confirmed here, and was married here to my beautiful wife 57 years ago. We have two sons who were baptized and confirmed here. The older son lives on Johns Island and sells real estate. The younger son also lives on Johns Island and is an Episcopal priest serving at Bishop Gadsden.

We are so blessed to have this beautiful campus to worship in and to have Callie as our rector. She also grew up and was baptized and confirmed here. So you can see why this place really is home. I also want to thank Thomas Tisdale for all his work that allowed this property to be once again returned to this church.

We have a very old, historic parish. It was founded in 1734. There have been four church buildings on this site. Two were destroyed by fire--one during the Revolutionary War and the other during the Civil War. After the wars were over, a wooden structure was built. I attended services in this building as a young boy. In the early 1950's, the church was rebuilt to the structure we have today. Since then three more buildings have been erected--Guerry Hall, LaRoche Building, and Walton Hall. One year ago when the Anglican Church split off, and the property was returned to the Episcopal Church, we were blessed again. What an exciting time to be at St. John's Episcopal Church,.

Parishioners at St. John's have been generous in 2023 as we rebuild our finances, but we are still dependent upon the Diocese for some financial support. Our goal over the next few years is to grow our finances and be financially independent.

Give to others and God will give to you. Indeed you will receive a full measure, a generous helping poured into your hand that you can hold. The measure you use for others is the one God will use for you. (Luke 6:38)

If you are not in a position to give a monetary pledge, you may give of your time and talent. We have come so far in the past year. I am so excited about rebuilding this parish

ST. JOHN'S NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayer Needs

If you would like to add anyone to the public prayer list (with their permission) please contact Anne-Clark Cromwell. acromwell@stjohns1734.org

Church Directory

Looking to connect with other parish members? We are in the process of developing a church directory through our new platform called Realm. To gain access to our directory you will need to create an account in Realm. Anne-Clark in our church office is ready to assist you with registration. Please contact her via email at acromwell@stjohns1734.org or by calling 843-974-5593



Online Giving



Have you seen our new online giving program? You can create an account to set up recurring donations and use our free app. If you'd like account-level access, please contact the church office. We'll then email you so you can get started today.



Please Subscribe To Our YouTube Channel
We continue to grow the library of reflections and sermons on our YouTube channel. Please go to youtube.com/@st.johnsepisopalchurchsc1734 and subscribe and explore Lessons from the Angel Oak, Sermons and other seasonal reflections.

Altar Guild

If you are interested in being a part of the Altar Guild, please contact Anne Norton at annenorton4@gmail.com
Or Maureen Ray at drstevenray@comcast.net

Choir

Are you interested in singing in our choir? Please meet Anne Warf in the church after the 10:30 service or contact Anne Warf at (215)530-8360
annewarf@gmail.com

Centering Prayer

Centering Prayer will continue every Tuesday from 10:30 am - 11:30 am. If you have any comments or questions, please contact Vance Mann: hvancem@icloud.com or 828-273-7592.

Weekday Eucharist

Tuesdays at Noon

Join us on Tuesdays at noon for Holy Eucharist in the church.

Wednesday Bible Study

Explore the Books of Ruth and Esther from 1pm-2pm in Walton Hall. October 11, 18, 25, & November 1, 8, 15.

For more information, contact Beth Gibbs: bethwgibbs@gmail.com or 843-870-7540

Adult Sunday School

The Adult Class meets in Walton Hall.
Coffee 9:15am Class 9:30

Sunday School for the Little Ones

Join us each Sunday at 9:15 am as Lucy and Thomas McAfee and friends lead us through our school year. This class meets in the LaRoche Building behind Guerry Hall next to the church.

Flower Guild

If you are interested in being a part of the Flower Guild, please contact Felicity Myers felicitycostinmyers@gmail.com

Ushers

Men, women, & couples are welcome to serve as ushers during our services here at St. John's and Grace Chapel. If you are interested in becoming an Usher please contact Bob Norton at rlnorton1029@gmail.com.

Nametags

If you are in need of a nametag, please contact Karen Poehling at karenheiman@me.com

Text Giving

It's the easiest way to make a donation to St. John's.
Just text STJOHNS1734 to 73256
Standard text message and data rates may apply.

COMING UP AT ST. JOHN'S

Today! Blessing of the Costumes

Join us on October 29th at the 10:30 service for the Blessing of the Costumes. Everyone is invited to wear their Halloween costumes!

Grace Chapel

Regular Sunday afternoon services at 4pm.

An Introduction & Refresher into Centering Prayer

An introduction and refresher on Centering Prayer will be held in Walton Hall every Tuesday October 10th - November 14th from 10:30 am - 11:45 am. If you are new to Centering Prayer and are planning to attend, please contact Vance Mann at hvancem@me.com.. A recommended book, *Open Heart, Open Mind* by Thomas Keating, can be purchased from the parish office.

New Bible Study!

Explore the Books of Ruth and Esther and the lives of these amazing women of both faith and action and consider how we might apply their lessons as people of faith, both individually and collectively. The group will follow a 6-session study created by Episcopal priest and author, the Reverend Elizabeth Felicetti. The study will meet on Wednesdays from 1-2pm on the following dates in Walton Hall:

October 11, 18, 25, & November 1, 8, 15.

For more information, contact Beth Gibbs: bethwgibbs@gmail.com or 843-870-7540

Adult Sunday School

The Adult Class will meet in Walton Hall. "What does it mean to live a peace-filled life?" We will start with coffee at 9:15 am and class begins at 9:30 am. We will gather on the following dates: November 5th and 12th.

All Saints Celebration - Eucharist & Covered Dish Supper

Join us on Wednesday, November 1st at 5:30pm for Holy Eucharist followed by a covered dish supper in Walton Hall. Feel free to bring a side dish or dessert to share, if you are able.

Sauntering Prayer

Beginning Monday, November 6th at 1:00, join Callie for Sauntering Prayer. See page 14 for more information.

ST. JOHN'S WELCOMES YOU

We are glad you are with us today. If you are new to St. John's, please fill out the visitors card below. Here is some information that you may find helpful.

Welcome: All are welcome to receive communion. To receive the consecrated Bread, extend your hands upward, palms crossed. Having consumed the Bread, you may return to your seat. Gluten-free wafers are available. Please speak to a priest when you come forward for Communion. If you prefer not to receive the Sacrament, you may ask for a blessing by crossing your arms across your chest.

Help: If you need assistance at any time, our ushers are happy to help.

Handicapped Parking: Our facility is handicapped accessible with multiple handicapped parking spaces available in the lot. A handicap ramp serves the entrance of the church and church office.

Children: All children are welcome and encouraged to attend any of our services.

Activity Bags: Bags are located in the back of the church for children to use in the pew during the service. Please return when the service is over.

Nursery: The nursery is open on Sundays from 9:00am - 12:00pm in the LaRoche Building behind Guerry Hall next to the church.

Sunday School: Join us Sunday at 9:15am as Lucy and Thomas McAfee and friends lead us through our school year. This class meets in the LaRoche Building behind Guerry Hall next to the church.

Nametags: Nametags are available. If you would like one printed for you, please contact Karen Poehling at karenheiman@me.com

Weekly E-Newsletter

Get the latest St. John's news sent straight to your inbox! Use the QR code to subscribe to our weekly e-newsletter and be up to date on all the exciting things happening at St. John's Episcopal Church.



Welcome to St. John's Episcopal Church

We are delighted you have joined us for worship. Please fill out this contact information card and drop it into the offering plate or give it to one of our greeters. You may also use the QR Code to scan and fill out our google doc instead. Date: _____

Contact Information

First Name _____

Last Name _____

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Email _____

Additional Family Members: (Please include ages if child/youth)

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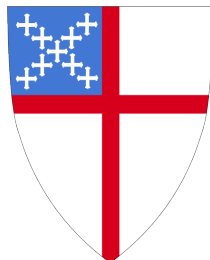
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